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**REQUEST FOR A CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

The patentee in the above-identified patent hereby request that the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) issue an official Certificate of Correction pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.323 for the following mistake made by the applicant.

Specifically, the word "friction" in the Abstract should be --function--, as spelled in the original Abstract filed with the application on February 9, 2006

Since the error arose on the part of the PTO, no fee is believed to be necessary.

Attached hereto is a draft Official Certificate of Correction for use by the PTO to correct the above-identified matter.

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hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our **Account No. 14-1140**. A duplicate  
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## CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said letters patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

### (57) ABSTRACT

A mask system for delivering air to a user includes a suspension mechanism to allow relative movement between a face-contacting cushion and a mask shell. The suspension mechanism also provides a predetermined force to the cushion that is a function of mask pressure, displacement of the cushion or both.

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